

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) A wireless communication unit, comprising:

an interface portion signally connectable to a main device, the interface portion including a connector portion having a shape that mimics a shape of a removable memory-medium-device, the connector portion being receivable by and connectable to a memory-medium-device-receiving-portion of the main device;

a recording portion performing non-volatile recording;

a wireless communication portion performing wireless communication; and

a control portion transmitting information through the wireless communication portion to an external destination and generating a backup of the information in the recording portion, the information being inputted from the main device to the control portion through the interface portion, wherein the control portion automatically deletes the backup from the recording portion after transmission of the information in the wireless communication portion is normally terminated, when the control portion generates the backup of the information in the recording portion,

wherein the wireless communication unit is a stand-alone unit.

7-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The wireless communication unit according to Claim 6, wherein the connector portion is shaped to mimic a shape of a memory card, the connector portion being receivable by a slot in the main device.

19. (Previously Presented) The wireless communication unit according to Claim 6, wherein the connector portion includes a power line by which power is supplied to the wireless communication unit from the main device.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A wireless communication unit, comprising:
an interface portion signally connectable to a main device, the interface portion including a connector portion having a shape and terminal layout that mimics a shape and terminal layout of a removable memory device, the connector portion being receivable by and connectable to a memory-device-receiving-slot and terminal of the main device;
a non-volatile memory;
a wireless communication portion performing wireless communication; and
a control portion transmitting information through the wireless communication portion to an external destination and generating a backup of the information in the non-volatile memory, the information being inputted from the main device to the control portion through the interface portion, wherein the control portion automatically deletes the backup from the non-volatile memory after transmission of the information in the wireless communication portion is normally terminated, when the control portion generates the backup of the information in the non-volatile memory.

23. (Previously Presented) The wireless communication unit according to Claim 22, wherein the connector portion includes a power line by which power is supplied to the wireless communication unit from the main device.

24-29. (Canceled)

30. (New) The wireless communication unit according to Claim 6, wherein the control portion selects the information that is to be transmitted based on predetermined

attribute information that is associated with the information and that indicates characteristics of the information, and transmits the selected information through the wireless communication portion to the external destination.

31. (New) The wireless communication unit according to Claim 30, wherein the predetermined attribute information is information indicating that the information to be transmitted has a write-protect attribute.

32. (New) The wireless communication unit according to Claim 30, wherein the predetermined attribute information is information regarding a folder in which the information to be transmitted is stored.

33. (New) The wireless communication unit according to Claim 32, wherein the control portion transmits the selected information to the external destination specified by the folder, through the wireless communication portion.

34. (New) The wireless communication unit according to Claim 30, wherein the predetermined attribute information is information specifying the external destination to which the information is to be transmitted.

35. (New) The wireless communication unit according to Claim 34, wherein the predetermined attribute information is information regarding a folder in which the information to be transmitted to the specified external destination is stored.

36. (New) The wireless communication unit according to Claim 30, further comprising an attribute information imparting portion that associates the predetermined attribute information to a specified information to be transmitted.

37. (New) The wireless communication unit according to Claim 36, wherein the predetermined attribute information, that the attribute information imparting portion associates to the information to be transmitted, is information indicating that the information to be transmitted has a write-protect attribute.

38. (New) The wireless communication unit according to Claim 36, wherein the predetermined attribute information, that the attribute information imparting portion associates to the information to be transmitted, is information that specifies the external destination to which the information is to be transmitted.

39. (New) The wireless communication unit according to Claim 38, wherein the predetermined attribute information is information regarding a folder in which the information to be transmitted to the specified external destination is stored.